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MINNESOTA'S OCTOBER MILK OUTPUT UP 1 PERCENT

October 2004 milk production totaled 660 million pounds in Minnesota, up 1 percent from the 656 million pounds produced in October 2003, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. September milk output at 635 million pounds was not revised.

Minnesota production per cow averaged 1,420 pounds in October 2004, up 10 pounds from last October. The September rate at 1,365 pounds per cow was not revised. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during October 2004 was 465,000 head, the same as September, and the same as a year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first 10 months of 2004 was 6.79 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the same period a year ago.

OCTOBER MILK PRODUCTION UP 1 PERCENT IN MAJOR STATES

Milk production during October 2004 totaled 12.25 billion pounds, up 1 percent from October 2003 in the 20 major states. Revised September production for the 20 states was 11.88 billion pounds. Production per cow in the 20 states averaged 1,576 pounds during October 2004, up 15 pounds from October 2003. Revised September output per cow was 1,529 pounds. The number of milk cows in the 20 major states during October averaged 7.77 million head, up 26,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated milk production in the 20 major states for the first 10 months of 2004 was 124.12 billion pounds, up less than half of 1 percent from the same period a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	Oct 2003	Sep 2004 Rev.	Oct 2004	Oct 2003	Sep 2004 Rev.	Oct 2004	Oct 2003	Sep 2004 Rev.	Oct 2004	2004 as % of 2003
	<u>Thousand Head</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>
CA	1,698	1,737	1,740	1,720	1,715	1,770	2,921	2,979	3,080	105
ID	412	431	433	1,820	1,780	1,800	750	767	779	104
MN	465	465	465	1,410	1,365	1,420	656	635	660	101
NY	665	654	650	1,455	1,420	1,460	968	929	949	98
PA	562	562	563	1,455	1,415	1,465	818	795	825	99
WI	1,250	1,239	1,238	1,465	1,440	1,475	1,831	1,784	1,826	100
20 States	7,743	7,769	7,769	1,561	1,529	1,576	12,083	11,878	12,245	101